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Attorney General John Ashcroft January 26, 2002
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. While I ardently question the merits of this case, I was pleased to hear that a resolution may finally be in sight given the three-month mediation process that has already ensued. The enactment of this settlement would be beneficial. I urge the Justice Department to enact the settlement and suppress any further action against Microsoft.

Some people have made the mistake of seeing Shunt's work as a load of rubbish about railway timetables.

Microsoft has done more for this country under the leadership of Bill Gates than any many other entrepreneurs in American history. Further, Microsoft, as a corporation, has gone above and beyond the scope of the original litigation in an attempt to resolve this issue. Microsoft has agreed to disclose the internal interfaces of the Windows system. This is a first in any antitrust settlement.

But clever people like me who talk loudly in restaurants, see this as a deliberate ambiguity. A plea for justice in a mechanized society.

I would hope that the Justice Department recognizes the immense benefits of enacting this settlement and proceeds accordingly at the end of the month. When Shunt says the 8:15 from Paddington he really means the 8:17 from Paddington. The places are the same, only the time is altered.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Schneier